Director's Report
To: Region 3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC
Subject: Region 3 Director's Report
Date: 25 January

*Next Region 3 ExCom webex will be **15 February 2021**, 8-10 pm eastern*
Next Region 3 Committee meeting is 14 March 2021 (with additional content on 13 March)

Welcome to 2021, and a special welcome to our new Section Chairs and a few new ExCom and standing committee members! I am hoping that at some point this year we will be able to return to face-to-face meetings. I am greatly saddened that our premier conference, IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon 2020 and SoutheastCon 2021, both had to be switched to virtual meetings, which resulted in me not being able to directly interact with all of you! I am hopeful that somehow we might be able to find a way to meet face to face in the Fall – that will of course require a much improved COVID situation, and having the funds to support such a meeting. Be aware that it is something I'm thinking about; the question is whether we will know if it's possible in time to do the necessary planning!

I want to take a few sentences here to remind or inform you (for the new attendees) of our meetings and some duties:

- ExCom meetings are generally on the 3rd Monday of each month. See the schedule at the end of this email
- Please make sure your officers have been reported via vTools (and include an end date for their term)
- Section officers are welcome to attend our ExCom meetings!
- Section Chairs are **voting members** of the Region 3 Committee, which meets as part of SoutheastCon, and sometimes a special meeting or an online vote may be needed

We have several important items on the ExCom agenda on 25 January. **If you are a voting member of the Region ExCom (Region Officers, committee chairs, Area Chairs), please make a point to attend this important meeting**.

- Discussion and motion on reduction to 5 Areas, with associated Bylaws/Ops Manual changes
- Discussion and motion on other Bylaws / Ops Manual changes
- Review/approval of small change to R3's Strategic Plan
- Review/endorse 2021 budget that was approved by 2020 ExCom
- Review/endorse changes to the SoutheastCon award funding for students
- Upcoming changes to IEEE financial reporting – NextGen training is/will be available
- COVID-19 Region 3 Funded Projects Update
- SoutheastCon Updates
- **Executive Session will be held at end of meeting**, to approve R3 Award winners – only voting ExCom members will stay on the line to participate in the discussion/vote

Some information from our Executive Director:

- At the end of December, membership was down 5.5% from the previous year (down 2.1% for Higher Grade members, down 19.6% for Student Members, down 3.8% for Graduate Student Members)

- FUTURE50 student discount code was implemented in December
- IEEE eLearning Storyboard templates have been made available to all IEEE groups that want to create eLearning courses (https://brand-experience.ieee.org/templates-tools-resources/templates/digital-use-collateral/online-course/)
- Visit the COVID-19 Member Hub! 2.27M page views from 1.61M visitors (https://covid19.ieee.org)
- IEEE.org home page has been redesigned with improved design and content presentation.
- The 2022 IEEE Medal and Recognition nomination cycle opened on 1 December and closes on 15 June 2021. The new IEEE Frances E. Allen Meal will be presented for the first time in 2022.
- Hard work, time, talent, and treasure contributed by dedicated donors, volunteers, and staff enabled the IEEE Foundation's Realize the Full Potential of IEEE Campaign to surpass its fundraising target of US$30M!

Thank you again for all that you do; it's inspiring to see the number and commitment of volunteers across IEEE. I am honored to be a part of such a great organization!

Respectfully submitted,
Jill I. Gostin, Region 3 Director/Delegate 2020-2021
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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2021 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

ExCom WebEx: January 25, 2021 (4th Monday, to avoid Martin Luther King Holiday)
ExCom WebEx: February 15, 2021
R3 Committee Meeting WebEx (SoutheastCon): March 14, 2021 (training/info content on March 13)
ExCom WebEx: April 19, 2021
ExCom WebEx: May 17, 2021
ExCom WebEx: June 21, 2021
ExCom WebEx: July 19, 2021
ExCom WebEx: August 16, 2021
ExCom WebEx: September 20, 2021
ExCom WebEx: October 18, 2021
ExCom WebEx: November 15, 2021
ExCom WebEx: December 20, 2021